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## REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2004.

In the present paper, Applicants have canceled claim 32. Claims 1-31 are now presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following remarks:

Applicants have canceled claim 32, the only rejected claim, without prejudice.

## Conclusion

Applicants therefore respectfully assert that all the claims in the case are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate in contacting the undersigned at the number provided below.

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